

Listing of the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

1. (Currently Amended) A receptacle comprising:
 - a base having an inner cavity and a removable liner received within the cavity of the base;
 - an elongate member comprising a first end and a second end and coupled to the base at the second end and further comprising:
 - an inner channel;
 - a slot provided on a side of the first end; and
 - a closed top;
 - wherein the elongate member is configured to be removably coupled to the base so that the liner may be removed from within the cavity of the base by removing the elongate member from the base; and
 - wherein a substantial portion of the elongate member comprises a relatively small cross-section as compared to a cross-section of a substantial portion of the base.
2. (Previously Presented) The receptacle of Claim 1 wherein the slot is configured to receive cigarettes.
3. (Previously Presented) The receptacle of Claim 2 wherein the slot has a width of less than one half inch.
4. (Previously Presented) The receptacle of Claim 3 wherein the slot has a length of less than two and one half inches.
5. (Previously Presented) The receptacle of Claim 1 wherein the slot has a width of at least one quarter inch.
6. (Previously Presented) The receptacle of Claim 1 wherein the slot is configured to receive cigars.

7. (Previously Presented) A collection device for disposal of combustible debris comprising:

a base;

a liner received within the base for easy removal and emptying;

an upper portion releasably mounted to the base, wherein the upper portion includes a side wall and a first open end that communicates with the base to a second closed end vertically spaced from the base, wherein the upper portion further includes an internal passage; and

a slot formed in the side wall of the upper portion, and communicates with the internal passage.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A collection device for disposal of combustible debris comprising:

a base;

an upper portion mounted to the base;

wherein the upper portion includes an internal passage extending from an open first end that communicates with the base to a closed second end vertically spaced from the base, the upper portion including a side wall and having at least one aperture formed in the side wall, the aperture communicating with the internal passage adjacent the closed end of the internal passage; and

wherein the closed second end of the upper portion comprises a cap member having a throat passage extension and a shield member; and

wherein the aperture is a first slot.

11. (Previously Presented) The receptacle of Claim 10 wherein the first slot is provided in a vertical orientation.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The receptacle of Claim 10 wherein the first slot is sized to receive cigarettes.

14. (Previously Presented) The receptacle of Claim 10 wherein the first slot has a length of less than two and one half inches and a width of less than one half inch.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) The receptacle of Claim 10 wherein the first slot is a rectangular slot.

20. (Previously Presented) The receptacle of Claim 19 wherein the rectangular slot comprises rounded ends.

21. (Previously Presented) The receptacle of Claim 1 wherein the base and the elongate member are formed from polyethylene.

22. (Previously Presented) The collection device of Claim 7 wherein the second closed end of the upper portion comprises a cap member having a throat passage extension.

23. (Previously Presented) The collection device of Claim 22 wherein the slot is provided in the throat passage extension of the cap member.

24. (Previously Presented) The collection device of Claim 7 wherein the upper portion further comprises a throat passage extension that is enlarged relative to the internal passage adjacent the closed end of the upper portion.

25. (Previously Presented) The collection device of Claim 7 wherein the base comprises:

- a closed lower end;
- an open upper end which engages and releasably mounts to the open end of the upper portion; and
- a side wall defining a cavity within which the liner is received.

26. (Previously Presented) The collection device of Claim 7 wherein the liner comprises a bucket formed from a non-combustible material.

27. (Previously Presented) The collection device of Claim 26 wherein the bucket is made from galvanized steel.

28. (Previously Presented) The collection device of Claim 7 wherein the passage and base are made from steel.

29. (Previously Presented) The receptacle of Claim 7 wherein the slot has a width generally corresponding to a diameter of a cigarette.

30. (Previously Presented) The receptacle of Claim 7 wherein the slot has a width generally corresponding to a diameter of a cigar.

31. (Previously Presented) The receptacle of Claim 7 wherein the upper portion and the base are made from polyethylene.

32. (Previously Presented) The collection device of Claim 10 wherein the throat passage extension is formed from the side wall.

33. (Previously Presented) The collection device of Claim 32 wherein the first slot comprises a slot formed in the throat passage extension.

34. (Previously Presented) The collection device of Claim 10 wherein the upper portion is configured so that debris is passable through the first slot, through the throat passage extension, through the internal passage to the base.

35. (Previously Presented) The collection device of Claim 10 wherein the throat passage extension comprises opposed substantially parallel walls.

36. (Previously Presented) The collection device of Claim 10 wherein the cap member includes an enlarged section.

37. (Previously Presented) The collection device of Claim 36 wherein the enlarged section of the cap member comprises an enlarged passage of the throat passage extension.

38. (Previously Presented) The collection device of Claim 10 wherein the throat passage extension provides an enlarged passage.

39. (Previously Presented) The collection device of Claim 10 further comprising a liner received within the base.

40. (Previously Presented) The collection device of Claim 39 wherein the liner comprises a bucket formed from a non-combustible material.

41. (Previously Presented) The collection device of Claim 10 wherein the upper portion is releasably mounted to the base.

42. (Previously Presented) The collection device of Claim 10 further comprising means for selectively attaching the upper portion to the base.

43. (Previously Presented) The receptacle of Claim 10 wherein the upper portion further comprises a second slot spaced apart from the first slot formed in the side of the wall.

44. (Previously Presented) The receptacle of Claim 10 wherein the upper portion and the base are made from polyethylene.

45. (Previously Presented) The receptacle of Claim 10 wherein the upper portion has a generally constant cross-section along a substantial portion of its length.

46. (New) The receptacle of Claim 1 further comprising a connector for coupling the base to the elongate member comprising a projection and a groove.

47. (New) The receptacle of Claim 46 wherein the elongate member comprises the groove.

48. (New) The collection device of Claim 7 further comprising a connector for attaching the base to the upper portion comprising a channel and a lug.

49. (New) The collection device of Claim 48 wherein the base comprises the lug.

50. (New) The collection device of Claim 10 further comprising a connector for connecting the base to the upper portion comprising a projection and an indentation.

51. (New) The collection device of Claim 50 wherein the base comprises the projection.

52. (New) The receptacle of Claim 1 wherein the slot comprises a width and a length and wherein the length is greater than the width.

53. (New) The collection device of Claim 7 wherein the slot comprises a width and a length and wherein the length is greater than the width.

54. (New) The collection device of Claim 10 wherein the slot comprises a width and a length and wherein the length is greater than the width.